

# AFSA

BUD ANDREWS  
GATEWAY CHAPTER  
SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE

# 872



AFSA Chapter members doing volunteer gate guard duty in July 2016. They braved the humidity and heat so that over 13,000 employees could make it through the gate and to work on-time! We are grateful to have great members, like these, who want to give back!

*"I come in a world of iron...to make a world of gold"* - Dale Wasserman, Man of La Mancha

## Words from the President...

This quarter has truly been amazing for AFSA! We have recruited nearly 60 new members through briefings and recruitment events, saved over 272 lives with blood donations, helped fund the establishment of Fort LeonardWood 872 satellite chapter, helped to share Airmen stories through the NCO Council Storytellers program, assisted with the 2016 Scott AFB Key Spouse Luncheon, volunteered for gate guard duty (pictured above), received information on the new blended retirement program, and so much more.

We are a proud AFSA nation that strives to be leaders in our community, educators to fellow DOD members, and a force of positivity. We come into this world and we all have something to give back, something worth more than gold to others in need.

We are only able to do these amazing things with volunteers, sponsorship, and fundraising. This fall we plan to give back to our members by doing several free events as a way to say thank you!

#WeAreAFSA

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## Farewell from



SMSgt Mary Belt

*the outgoing President*

Though it hasn't been a full year, it has been a great honor serving as your President. What an amazing AFSA Chapter 872 is! I am awed by your spirit and continued support to this organization.

We attended the Division 3 Conference in Grand Forks, North Dakota where Chapter 872 was awarded the Top Recruiting Chapter for 2015! The foot print that Chapter 872 has at Scott AFB and the surrounding local area is something to be proud of.

We stood up a satellite chapter at Ft Leonardwood, Missouri and still continue to support the

tremendous amount of activities on and off base and I couldn't be prouder of this organization!

I firmly believe Chapter 872 is the best in AFSA! MSgt Timothy Carter will continue the efforts and keep this dynamic organization going. Keep fighting the good fight, stay focused, take care of each other, be proud to be part of this Chapter and keep the legacy going. I am very humbled to have had the opportunity to work with each and every one of you and can't wait to hear about the continued successes of Chapter 872!

#WEAREAFSA #AFSAMOM

# 872 SATELLITE CHAPTER

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FORT LEONARDWOOD, MISSOURI

## SAVE THE DATE

### ZOMBIE RUN

October 22, 2016

This is our first ever community-wide zombie run, not just for AFSA chapter 872, but for Fort Leonard Wood!

Admission is \$20 and includes an AFSA T-Shirt. Each runner will be given flag football belts the first male and female to cross with their flags still attached win a prize! Also best dressed zombie wins a prize so wear your worst face!

### HAVE AN IDEA?

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## New Team on the Scene



SSgt Stephen Baskiewicz  
Satellite Chapter President

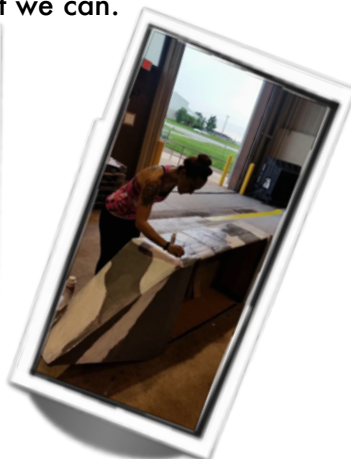
The main AFSA mission is to advocate for its Air Force enlisted members and this is primarily done by maintaining and gaining new members. An easy way to gain new members is to go in areas where AFSA currently does not exist and that is exactly what we did at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. Thanks to a highly motivated Air Force Detachment, a new AFSA sub-chapter was created. SSgt Stephen Baskiewicz, the sub-chapter president, said, "We have such a unique opportunity here to recruit, or at least spread the word of all the great things AFSA has done for us before the Airmen even get to their first dusty station."

The 364 TRS, Det 1 is a small Air Force unit that operates four different Tech Schools on an Army Post in Missouri. Students get sent here from Lackland AFB on a weekly basis giving us the opportunity to brief the Airmen about AFSA during their in-processing.

We started this sub-chapter back in late 2015 with the much appreciated help from both the Division 3 team and the Scott AFB Chapter 872. In our very short existence, we have recruited close to 50 new members and counting.

With all other chapters, we also focus on community outreach. We have done events at a local VA home supporting our veterans of all services and even sponsored a charity event where we were able to advertise our organization to the local area. We have two 5k runs on the schedule that we will be hosting to advertise our cause even more.

With the continuing support of Chapter 872 and the amazing instructors and MTLs we have here at Fort Leonard Wood, we plan to stay strong and help support the AFSA mission the best we can.



# WAYS



# MEANS

## How Do You Make That

by SrA Robert Niebauer III

Chapter 872's main source of funds is working concession stands at the Scottrade Center. At these events we sell hotdogs, pretzels, nachos and drinks. During the hockey season we usually average 2 games a month but we do work other events hosted there such as basketball tournaments and concerts.

Events at the Scottrade Center average between \$400 and \$600 profit for the chapter, we receive 10% of the total proceeds of the stand we work. The number of volunteers needed varies depending on the size of the stand we get assigned, anywhere from 4 to 10 people to work a stand.



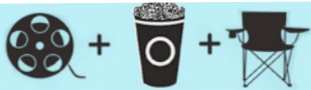
All volunteers must be at least 21 years old as there is alcohol served in the stands.

We can work other events outside of the Scottrade Center to provide funds for our chapters various events. Some examples include- working as a Trap Shooting Scorer at the World Shooting Complex and selling T Shirts for the Chapter and for the Vigil Run.

These funds go to support our chapters various on and off base events as well as donations to other on base organizations/events.

# FAMILY IS WHAT MATTERS

Not only do we appreciate our members, we support their family. In AFSA, we are all family.



**MOVIE on the LAWN**

... come one, come all for a night of fun! ...

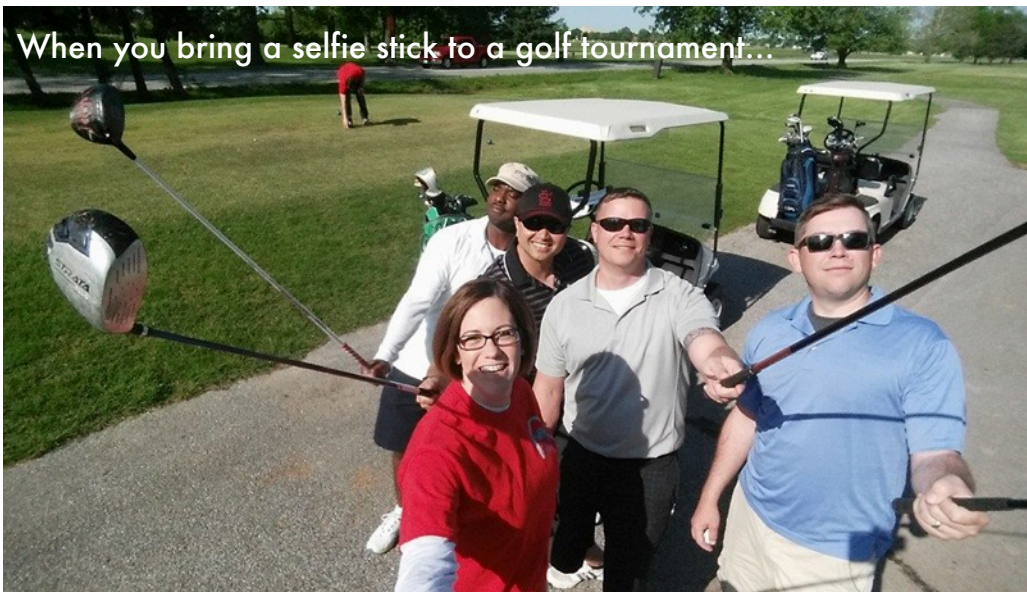
Our first event will be [September 30, 2016 at 6pm, Pavilion 2, located at Scott Lake!](#) We will be hosting a "Movie on the Lawn" for our members and their family! The USO will be partnering with us to hand out free food and drinks! This event is BOYOChair/Blanket. The featured film will be Disney's Zootopia...it's fun for the whole AFSA family!

Bring your super detective skills to our [AFSA Scavenger hunt!](#) This is will be our first ever Scavenger Hunt that will encompass a week long team building event with some awesome daily prizes and finishing with a grand prize for the winner. Best of all, it's free and fun for the entire family!!! This event will be coming in [November, so look on our Facebook page for details.](#)



Who doesn't like to bowl?!? [AFSA Family Bowling Night](#) will be free for the first 60 people that sign up through our [SignUpGenius](#) link. We will provide 3 free games and free shoe rental on [December 15th starting at 5pm.](#) This is a great indoor event for all ages! We will have prizes for different categories, so be sure to attend this. Who couldn't use a free night with all those Holiday purchases?

When you bring a selfie stick to a golf tournament...



### EDUCATION IS THE KEY TO RECRUITMENT...

If you come to one of our meetings, or you go to a Division Conference you will most likely hear about recruitment. Without a doubt recruitment is important to the survivability of AFSA as whole, but more importantly, education is the key to success in AFSA. Chapter 872 prides itself on educating all individuals on what AFSA can do for them. We attend and brief Airmen Leadership School, First Term Airmen, Top 3, and several enhancement seminars (ie NCOPE).



As with any chapter we give back in so many ways. Whether it be in the form of monetary value to sponsor things like Story Tellers put on by the

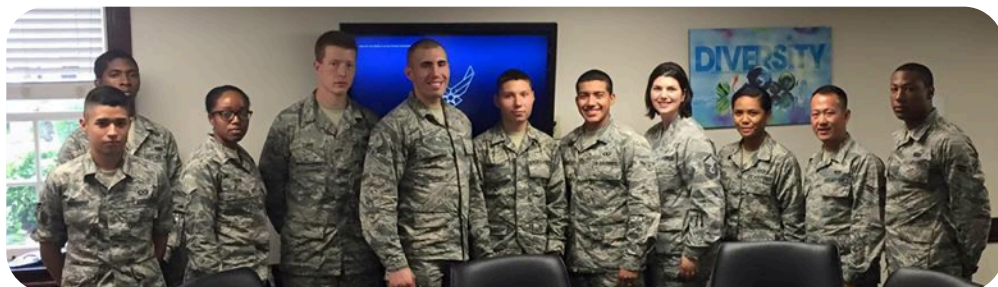
NCO Council, ALS scholarship awards, or in the form of getting to work to show our appreciation and dedication for others in our community.

Chapter 872 is out there, representing Big AFSA every step of the way!



January to July 2016 recruitment: 278 members

Total members in Chapter 872: 2,201 members



### ALS Award Winners



**SAVE THE DATE:**  
Professional Airman's Conference will be held July 22 – 26, 2017 in Reno, Nevada at the Peppermill Spa

We asked members...

# Why did you join AFSA?

I joined because AFSA has an active voice on Capitol Hill and is always looking to improve life for us as a force. They have our interests in mind and always stay attuned to our needs.  
- CMSgt Brett McCracken

"Airman !!! "  
"Yes Sir! "  
"Get over here, we have an appointment"  
"Ok Sir"  
"Next thing I now I am reciting the AFSA Preamble! "  
- SMSgt Jalil Samavarchian

I joined [the Air Force] for stability. Before I joined I was homeless and now I have a nice house, a new car, and more family than I can count. This is the happiest I've ever been. AFSA is my way of contributing so that all Airmen can have the same wonderful experience that I have had. We're a family and we need to take care of each other. - A1C Shelly Cox

To ensure my voice is represented on Capitol Hill and to protect our "Quality of Life" benefits.  
- SMSgt (ret.) Steve Zalesky

I joined to provide a legacy of legislative knowledge to all Airmen while preserving and enhancing the quality life for all DOD service members.  
- MSgt Jennifer McIntosh

I joined AFSA because my supervisor told me I should and paid for my membership as an Airman. I've continued to stay a member of AFSA because I know AFSA fights for us! There are so many congressmen and women who've never served and have no idea how their decisions affect us. - Anonymous

# Plans & Programs

Sept.

28

Missouri Veterans Home  
Schnucks Shopping  
7:30am-11:00am

6 Oct.

Blood Drive  
932 ARW  
12:00-4:00pm

21

Missouri Veterans Home  
-Walmart Shopping  
7:30-11:00am

30

Movie on the Lawn  
Scott Lake  
6-10:00pm

8 Oct

Blood Drive  
Base Theater  
09-1700

22

Missouri Veterans Home  
Fishing  
7:30-11:00am

27

Missouri Veterans Home  
-In-House Bingo

25 Oct

Dorm Dinner  
setup 4:45pm, starts 5pm  
POC: TSgt Destiny Adams

26

Missouri Veterans Home  
Cardinals Game  
5-11:30pm

4 Oct.

Blood Drive  
Base Theater  
09-1700

4-5 Nov

Vigil Run  
Scott Air Force Base Track  
Team & Individual Run times  
available

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

We have such great volunteers! What you do, gives people hope, inspires others to get involved and lives with people for the rest of their lives.

We would like to thank the volunteers, coordinators, and family members. Since April volunteers have saved 272 lives through blood donations, given over \$1,200 dollars to base events, 20 volunteers do gate guard duty, and 81 volunteers delivery meals on wheels and help the Missouri Veterans Home all since April.



## AFSA Helping AFSA

In AFSA Chapter 872, we always advocate giving back. In August, TSgt Ben Weavers, our Legislative Trustee and proud 872 member, had the unique opportunity to help AFSA Chapter 652 located at Keesler AFB.

While attending Mathies Non-Commissioned Officer Academy Intermediate Leadership Experience, TSgt Weaver reached out to the President of Chapter 652 and organized a 12 person team to volunteer at the Biloxi Shuckers baseball game.

Together they worked 7 hours selling concessions and raised \$500 for Chapter 652 to use for recruitment, conference attendance and giving back! (pictured right →)



# The National Defense Authorization Act and why it is important to you!

Sourced from the Division 3 legislation update email:

**Military Members Deserve More Than Lip Service.** At this time, House and Senate defense negotiators are examining the differences between the House and Senate versions of the FY 2017 National Defense Authorization Act. This process basically takes place behind closed doors. As we have reported, the Administration is once again [for the fourth year in a row] asking Congress to reduce the military pay raise mandated by law, the Senate Armed Services Committee is considering cuts to military housing allowances, and both are advocating significant increases in the cost of military healthcare for family members and retirees. All of this, of course, would be another blow to the already sketchy purchasing power of military families and military retirees and their family members and survivors.

A timely article, as

reported by 12news [Arizona], quotes General James L. Jones [USMC Ret.] and Sheila Casey pointing out the extraordinary sacrifices of military families and one focus area where this nation can help fulfill their needs. They wrote in part, "The demands on military families are real and discernible. Frequent relocations and long separations make it difficult for a vast majority of military spouses to pursue their career aspirations and present unique challenges for military kids who hop from school to school.



Not to mention constant concern for loved ones who are deployed. Three out of four active duty spouses report being a military spouse has hindered their ability to find jobs, and more than half are not employed.

"Unlike their civilian counterparts, many military families rely on one income, putting significant strain on their finances. It also often makes the path to higher education much more difficult. With 700,000 military spouses; 560,000 service members claiming 1.1 million children as dependents; and more than 100,000 military children ages 17 to 22 in active duty households across the country – college affordability has become one of the greatest burdens facing military families."

More on this at: <http://www.12news.com/news/nation-now/voices-military-families-deserve-more-than-lip-service/265391468>

## Directory of Representatives

Also referred to as a congressman or congresswoman, each representative is elected to a two-year term serving the people of a specific congressional district. The number of voting representatives in the House is fixed by law at no more than 435, proportionally representing the population of the 50 states. Currently, there are five delegates representing the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. A resident commissioner represents Puerto Rico.

Contact Your  
Congressman.....

<http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/>

VOTE on the bill at:

<https://www.voterve.net/AFSA/Campaigns/46761/Respond>



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Get in contact with one of us for meeting details, membership, volunteer, or any ideas you have!!

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## I'm Just a Bill on Capital Hill....

Current legislation that could affect you, your family, and your wallet...

### Defend the Post 9/11 GI Bill

Earlier this year the House quietly passed H.R. 3016 which includes a provision cutting 50 percent of the basic allowance for housing (BAH) to dependent children who had the Post-9/11 GI Bill transferred to them. The money "saved" in these cuts is already being proposed to be used to enhance other Veteran and military family programs. While the bill includes a grandfathering clause for those already transferred as well as for transfers within 180 days of the bill's effective date, benefits transferred beyond the 180 days will be subject to the cut should this bill pass the Senate and eventually become law.

### Preserve Severance Payments

Veterans who have sustained combat-related injuries while serving in the armed forces and are subsequently separated are to receive a tax-exempt, one-time, lump sum severance payment. However, since 1991 the DoD has withheld taxes from these disability severance payments from thousands of service members each year. S. 2712, the bipartisan "Combat-Injured Veterans Tax Fairness Act of 2016," introduced by Sen. John Boozman (R-AR) and co-sponsored by Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA) requires the DoD to stop this improper taxation and identify and notify those who have been affected allowing the Veterans to reclaim that which was withheld.

### HR 454 Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act

Under current law, when a military retiree dies, their survivor must pay back a prorated portion of the deceased's final month's retirement pay. This creates a burden at a time when that should be the last thing on the survivor's mind. Additionally, under current law, if the beneficiary is an annuitant for the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), the SBP payments begin effective the first day of the month in which the military retiree's death occurs.

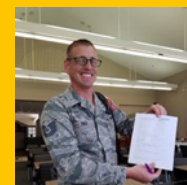
H.R. 454, the "Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act," sponsored by Rep. Walter Jones, R-NC., would make the process far smoother by forgiving "any overpayment of military retired or retainer pay for any period after the death of the recipient through the last day of the month in which such death occurs, if such payment is electronically deposited to a joint account bearing the name of the decedent and the decedent's designated beneficiary. And, it would provide a special effective date for SBP payments of the first day of the month following the death of the military retiree. This would make it significantly easier for the survivor or a military retiree to



## Being Member gets you:

### Voter Voice

A way to take back your first amendment write to speak out against legislation that is affecting you and your family.



### Insider knowledge about...

AFSA sends out headlines and lets you know which elected representative voted for or against a bill that affects you, your family, and the legacy of all Airmen in the Air Force.

### A way to give back

AFSA believes in giving back to the community, come join us in delivering meals, visiting the Missouri Veterans Home or donate blood for local blood bank.

### Finishing Strong



As sad as it is to say goodbye to SMSgt Mary "MOM" Belt, we are happy to have MSgt

Timothy Carter step up from Vice President to President and MSgt Jennifer McIntosh go from Secretary to Vice President. These two make a great team and are working together to finish the year AFSA Strong!